

Appl. No. 10/707,949
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Election/Restriction:

5 This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

First species: figures 7-8.

Second species: figures 9, 10, and 15.

Third species: figures 11, 12, and 16-18.

10 Fourth species: figures 13-14.

Fifth species: figure 20.

Sixth species: figure 21.

15 Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C.121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 14 and 21 are generic.

Response :

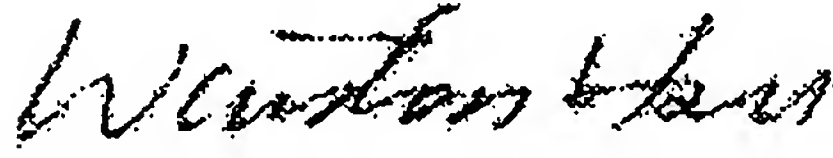
20 Applicant hereby elects the Second species (Figs. 9, 10, 15) in response to the above restriction requirement. The claims readable upon the elected species are claims 1-3, 7, 8, 12-18, 20-22. No new claims are added.

25 Since the original species 1, 3-6 are covered by the generic claims 1, 14 and 21, if the generic claims 1, 14 and 21 are allowed later on, applicant wishes that claims 4-6, 9-11, 19 can also be examined by the examiner in the present application.

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